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DISASTROUS FIRE

Old Temporary Court House Building Burned Tuesday morning. Marlinton Journal Office Greatly Damaged.

About three o'clock Tuesday morning, February 21, 1928, the big building at the corner of Court Street and Fourth Avenue, known as the Temporary Court House, was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was made, and the firemen turned out promptly for a stubborn fight of a couple of hours. The building was pretty well destroyed, though the four wall still stand. The fire is thought to have started from a flue.

The property is owned by L. S. Cochran of Cass. His loss is several thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance.

This was a large double building. One of the first floor rooms was rented by the Board of Education for a school room and was used for the first grade pupils. The

bricks This loss is partially covered by insurance. Fortunately the very expensive linotype machine was so placed that it could be protected, and it suffered little or no damage. A large stock of paper and stationery was a complete loss. Mr. Lancaster has secured quarters in the Greer building, and the Journal will appear as usual this week, though a day or two late.

The second story was cut up into living rooms. Mrs. E. C. Cochran had an apartment there, as did Ira H. Irvine and Ezra Irvine. The loss of the Irvine Brothers is something like $2,000 with $500 insurance.

The building burned Tuesday morning was one of the first to be erected in the town of Marlinton. The development company built it, to be used as the court house until a permanent one could be erected. It was used as the court house for perhaps three years. Since then it has had many tenants and it has been occupied by drug stores, printing offices, restaurants, jewelry shops